

Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church is an open and inclusive spiritual community seeking to practice the radical hospitality of Jesus. We cultivate a holistic spirituality that, while rooted in the Christian faith, welcomes the wisdom of all faith traditions. We are a house of prayer and a school of love, seeking to serve the world in the way and in the spirit of Jesus.



**Sun 13 • Seventh Sunday of Easter**

8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word  
9:45 a.m. Sunday seminar: Belhar Confession.  
Fellowship Hall  
11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word  
12:15 p.m. More Light group. Classroom No. 1

**Tue 15**

7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

**Wed 16**

3:00 p.m. More Light Teach-In. Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Listening group. Balcony

**Thu 17**

10:00 a.m. Listening group. Classroom No. 1

**PENTECOST OFFERING**, Sunday, May 20. Split equally between Caring Cupboard which supplies food to school children for the weekend and the PCUSA Youth Mission Fund.)

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION**. Let the office know if you or your child is graduating from high school or college (college name plus degree/major) this spring. Graduates will be honored May 20.

**NEW SUNDAY SEMINAR SERIES**, The Belhar Confession is the most recent addition to our denomination's Book of Confessions. This is relevant not only because it is new, but also because it aligns with some principles important to SPC. Led by Rev. Sitterley. **Sundays, May 13 and 20, 9:45 a.m.**, Fellowship Hall.

**MORE LIGHT TEACH-IN**: Caring for LGBTQ refugees & asylum seekers. This 3 part series responds to congregational leaders who have active ministries to both LGBTQ people and refugees, and who want to be a better source of support to both populations but may be unsure how best to do so. All are welcome. **Wednesday, May 16, 3:00-4:00 p.m.** Fellowship Hall.

**Sat 19**

7:30 a.m. Men's breakfast. Fellowship Hall  
10:00 a.m. Diaconate meeting. Fellowship Hall

**Sun 20 • Pentecost Sunday**

*Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*

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12:15 p.m. Immigration & Refugee support committee. Classroom No. 1

**LEADERS NEEDED**. Summer Studio is quickly approaching. We are searching for new and returning parent teachers, non-parents, and 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. attendees to lead a summer studio class. Children are combined into one studio class and the lesson is up to you. Please consider giving back to our SPC children and their families! To sign up please contact Emily Gross [egross@shepherd.edu](mailto:egross@shepherd.edu).

**SPC SUMMER PICNIC** *The whole congregation together in one place at one time.* Bring a dish to serve 12. Assignments per last name A-H: side dish; I-S: veggie or salad; T-Z: dessert. Chicken, beverages, plates and flatware are provided. Volunteers needed to set up at 4:30 p.m. and clean up after. Contact the office if you can help. **Sunday, June 3, 5:00 p.m.**, Morgan's Grove Park.

**SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Eastertide  
Seventh Sunday

May 13, 2018  
11:00 a.m.

**God's Prayer**

Oh, my people,  
the confetti of stars,  
the birds calling "Surprise!" from every tree,  
Spring standing again on your front porch  
in her flowery dress with an armful of blossoms  
if only you would open the door,  
the little rise in you when you see one glorious thing,  
these are my prayers to you.  
The ache for me in your meditations,  
the questions your heart asks without you,  
the invisible possibility that this enemy  
could become a friend,  
these are my prayers to you.  
Those words in the closed book, the unopened letter  
about forgiveness and release,  
these are my prayers to you.  
Your sorrow over the world and its woes,  
your hesitation at the news,  
your deep weary sigh,  
these are my prayers to you.  
The mystery of the light  
folded into what is,  
what I am about to do,  
these are my prayers to you.  
Oh my people, in your mercy,  
hear my prayer.

**Steve Garnaas Holmes**

**SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*Celebrating 275 Years*  
*Claiming the Past • Engaging the Present • Imagining the Future*  
*We Choose Welcome*

Blessed are those who walk hand in hand with goodness, who stand beside virtue, who sit in the seat of truth; for their delight is in the Spirit of Love, and in Love's heart they dwell, day and night. **Psalm 1:1-2** (Merrill)

All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. **John 17:10**

I have written all this to you who believe in the Only Begotten of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. **1 John 5:13**

**Piano**

Kari Edge

**Assistants**

Elizabeth Krogstad  
EV Gruber  
Carol Wood

**Sermons & Newsletters**

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**Sunday flowers**

sign up in office

**To Our Guests**

Glad you're with us. Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of "fairly traded" coffee or tea with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

**Childcare Available**

In the nursery at the 11:00 service  
See ushers for assistance.

**BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD**

**Introit (2x)**

With you, O Lord, is life in all its fullness,  
and in your light we shall see true light.

**Proclamation**

In life and death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

**Call to Prayer**

Lift up your hearts

*We lift them up to the Lord*

**Prayer**

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**\*Hymn 645**

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

**GRACE ABOUND S**

**Prayer for Wholeness**

God, our fears and prejudices run deep. Sometimes we can only see our own point of view. We stick with those who are like us, rarely venturing outside our comfort zones. We do not hear those crying for justice and peace. We blame those who are suffering and in need, instead of standing by them. Lord, give us eyes to see and ears to hear. Open us to new possibilities of life, love and communion, in the way and in the Spirit of Christ.

**Silence**

**Kyrie eleison (2x)**

**Declaration of Grace & Gratitude**

**\*Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

**Welcome**

**Blessing the World**

Bolivia, Chile, Peru

**\*\*Hymn 44**

"Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us"

**First Pew**

**Parish Life**

**Welcoming New Members**

**Song (3x)**

Walk with me and I will walk with you  
And build the land that God has planned  
Where love shines through.

**HEARING THE WORD**

**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

John 17:11-19

**Sermon**

"Sent Into the World"

**\*Hymn 346**

"For the Healing of the Nations"

**SERVING THE WORLD**

**Presenting Offering**

**Offertory**

"Ain't-a That Good News"

Traditional/arr. Moses Hogan

**Affirmation**

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**\*Credo**

With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**\*Response**

May the God of hope go with us every day,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace; Singing, share our joy with all;  
Working for a world that's new,  
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

The nonviolent approach does not immediately change the heart of the oppressor. It first does something to the hearts and souls of those committed to it. It gives them new self-respect; it calls up resources of strength and courage that they did not know they had. Finally, it reaches the opponent and so stirs their conscience that reconciliation becomes a reality.

**Martin Luther King Jr.**

It is one thing to say with the prophet Amos, 'Let justice roll down like mighty waters,' and quite another to work out the irrigation system. Clearly there is more certainty in the recognition of wrongs than there is in the prescription for their cure.

**William Sloane Coffin**

We need the courage to question the powers that be, the courage to be impatient with evil and patient with people, the courage to fight for social justice. In many instances we will be stepping out on nothing, and just hoping to land on something. But that's the struggle. To live is to wrestle with despair, yet never allow despair to have the last word. **Cornel West**

A church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed -- what gospel is that?

**Archbishop Oscar Romero**

I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life. **Abraham Lincoln**

**Flowers placed by**

Debbie Hammond  
in loving memory of  
Dan Hammond

\*stand if you are able

\*\*children to First Pew

**Kyrie** by Georgiann Toole.